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MEDIA UPDATE ON EXPANDED NATIONAL EGG RECALL

INDIANAPOLIS--- The Indiana State Department of Health reports the national egg recall has expanded. Hillandale Farms of Iowa is voluntarily recalling shell eggs because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has confirmed eggs affected by this recall were distributed in 14 states, including Indiana, at grocery distribution centers, retail grocery stores, and foodservice companies that service or are located in these states. At this time, state health officials say there are no reports of any human cases in Indiana of *Salmonella* Enteritidis associated with the current national egg recall.

Eggs are distributed under the following brand names: Hillandale Farms, Sunny Farms, and Sunny Meadow in 6-egg cartons, dozen-egg cartons, 18-egg cartons, 30-egg package, and 5-dozen cases. Loose eggs are packaged under the following brand names: Wholesome Farms and West Creek in 15 and 30-dozen tray packs. The loose eggs may also be repackaged by customers. The only eggs affected by this recall have plant numbers P1860 or P1663 and Julian dates as follows:

- P1860 – Julian dates ranging from 099 to 230
- P1663 – Julian dates ranging from 137 to 230

Only eggs with these plant numbers are affected - even though the brand name may be the same. Julian dates and plant codes can be found stamped on the end of the egg carton or printed on the case label. The plant number begins with the letter P and then the number. The Julian date follows the plant number, for example: P1860 230.

Consumers who believe they may have purchased these shell eggs should not eat them, but they can return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. Consumers with questions should contact Hillandale Farms at 1-866-262-4208.

"I urge Hoosiers to check any shell eggs at home to verify they are not part of the national shell egg recall, especially now it has expanded," said Scott Gilliam, food protection manager at the Indiana State Department of Health. "We are working closely with our federal and local partners on the recall and will report any new developments, as they occur. In the meantime, the public should continue monitoring the news for updates."

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Symptoms usually begin 12 to 36 hours after exposure and last 4 to 7 days. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Individuals who believe they may have *Salmonella* should consult their health care provider.

For more information on eggs and salmonella, visit the State Health Department Website at: www.statehealth.in.gov. For updates on this recall and other public health issues, follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/INPublicHealth.

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